

Arizona State Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

March 9, 2010

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Presiding officer, Dr. Todd Rowe, called the teleconference meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The following Board members were present on the telephone and responded to roll call:

Todd Rowe, MD, MD(H)
Alan Kennedy
Les Adler, MD, MD(H)
Martha Grout, MD, MD(H)
Dr. David Rupley, MD(H)

Absent Members:

Don Farris

Christine Springer, Executive Director, and Mona Baskin, Assistant Attorney General, were also present at the meeting location within the State Board's Office located at 1400 West Washington, Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona.

II. Review, Consideration, and Action on Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2010

The Board tabled review of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting minutes after Dr. Rupley indicated that the first paragraph on Page 3 was not complete and ended with an incomplete sentence. Mrs. Springer stated she would review her meeting notes and revise the paragraph.

Rules Committee Minutes – January 28, 2010

A motion approving the rules committee minutes of January 28, 2010 was made by Dr. Rupley and seconded by Dr. Grout. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Review, Consideration and Action on Applications

A. Medical Assistants

Blanca Gonzalez

Dr. Rowe recused himself from this discussion, noting his supervisory capacity with respect to the applicant. Dr. Grout assumed the chair and requested that Mrs. Springer provide an overview of the applicant's qualifications.

Mrs. Springer stated the transcripts Ms. Gonzalez provided show a three-year course of study at the School of Pure Homeopaths in Jalisco, Mexico and 400 clinic hours of classical homeopathic repertorization. Mrs. Springer stated the applicant meets the training standards outlined in the rules.

Dr. Adler pointed out that the date the supervisor signed the application was one year before the date the applicant signed the form. In addition the applicant's name on the first page of the application did not match the name on the third page of the form.

Following discussion, the Board members agreed that the application should be tabled so that the legal name of the applicant could be clarified.

Ashlea Hayes

Dr. Rowe joined the meeting and resumed the chair. Mrs. Springer provided a review of Ms. Hayes' training stating that she completed 420 hours in general medical procedures and that the skills checklist provided by the staff in-house trainer indicated she completed 640 hours of training at the clinic. She stated that the application was complete and the applicant meets training standards.

Following a short discussion regarding supervision, Dr. Grout moved to approve the application. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

IV. Review, Consideration and Action on Complaints and Investigations

A. Review, Discuss, and Action – Tracking Log Notification of New Complaints Filed

Case No. 10-03

Lloyd Arnold, D.O., MD(H)

Dr. Rowe requested that Mrs. Springer provide an overview of the pending matter. She stated that information had been received January 8, 2010 from the Osteopathic Medical Examiner's Board. The complaint concerned the prescribing of pain medications and had occurred in the same time frame as two other complaints previously reviewed by the Board and tabled on July 14, 2009. Mrs. Springer requested that the Board affirm that the Osteopathic Medical Board conduct the investigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2907.

Dr. Grout made a motion to table the complaint and cede jurisdiction to conduct the investigation to the Osteopathic Medical Board. Dr. Adler made a second to the motion. No additional discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call vote to cede the investigation to the Osteopathic Medical Board:

5-0 Aye

Kennedy, Adler, Rowe, Grout, Rupley

B. Review, Consideration, and Action – Ongoing Reviews

Case Nos. 09-11 and 09-17 Lloyd Arnold, DO MD(H)

Mrs. Springer updated the Board concerning this matter and stated that the Osteopathic Medical Board had accepted the surrender of Dr. Arnold's medical license on February 23, 2010. In response to a question from Mr. Kennedy, she indicated that a final order had not yet been signed by Dr. Arnold or the Osteopathic Board and that once that was complete, a copy of the file would be forwarded to this Board.

V. Review, Consideration and Action on Rules and Legislation

A. Rules

Article 1. General, Sections R4-38-101 through 115 General

The Executive Director reviewed changes to the proposed rules relating to sections, R4-38-104 (modalities related to the practice of homeopathic medicine; R4-38-105 (preceptor clinical practice requirements; R4-38-106 (minimum proficiency training standards); and R4-38-116 (use of the MD(H) title and abbreviation.

Mrs. Springer stated that an opportunity for oral comment on the proposed rulemaking would be scheduled for the next regular meeting on May 11, 2010 at 11:30 a.m.

Dr. Grout made a motion to approve the changes to the proposed rule as discussed. Dr. Adler seconded the motion that passed with an unanimous vote.

(The Assistant Attorney General, Mona Baskin, excused herself from the meeting at 10:20 a.m.)

B. Legislation – status report

Mrs. Springer informed Board members of the status of the following legislative bills: HB2030, SB1250, SB1255, HB255, and HB2546.

VI. Review, Consideration, and Action on Professional Business

Continuing Education

Board members considered and discussed two continuing education requests filed by Jeffrey Utter, B.S., BCCT, FCT.

Dr. Rowe made a motion approving the course, Orthopedic & Neurological Examination of the Lower Extremities for 8 hours of credit. Dr. Grout seconded his motion that passed unanimously.

Dr. Rowe made a second motion approving the course, Orthopedic & Neurological Examination of Head and Spine for 8 hours of credit. The motion was seconded by Dr. Grout and passed unanimously.

VII. Call to the Public

During a call to the public, no individuals wished to make a comment.

VIII. Executive Director Report

Mrs. Springer stated the current cash balance of the Board is \$46,395 and the remaining appropriation balance as of February 28, 2010 is \$30,225. To date, the Board has received \$69,321 in revenue from application and renewal fees.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Blanca Gonzalez medical assistant application

X. Future Meeting Dates

Board members agreed to consider a special meeting to consider complaints concerning Dr. Lloyd Arnold. Mrs. Springer stated she would inform the Board should the case files become available from the Osteopathic Medical Board.

XI. Adjournment

Dr. Adler moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. with no further business to discuss. Mr. Kennedy seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Springer
Executive Director

Approved by the Board in Regular Meeting on May 11, 2010